

NANSEN NOT ONLY EXPLORES

Dr. Nansen's success as an Arctic explorer has made his name so great in that direction that people are apt to forget that aside from his explorations he has done work which has made him favorably known to the entire scientific world.

ENCOUNTER WITH SHARK

Andrew Cameron, a Scotch diver, arrived at New York City the other day on the Wardline steamer, and told of a desperate encounter he had 80 feet under water off the coast of Vera Cruz.

NEW PLAN TO REACH THE POLE

Expedition being organized in Canada to start on 1st of March. Capt. Rowley, of Quebec, who is leading an expedition to the north pole, intends to start on March 1 in the steamer Windward, which was used by the Jackson Armworth expedition.

IS SAVED BY HIS FAMILY

Quadruplets and Twins Prevent Removal of Redwater's Postmaster. Postmaster E. T. Page, of Redwater, Tex., will be retained by this administration and all because of the birth of quadruplets and twins in his family.

COFFIN KEPT IN A BEDROOM

John Arndt, of Wayne Station, Ill., is pleased with his handiwork. Wayne station, Ill., has a curiosity, by no means new, but a curiosity and growth at that. It is John Arndt's coffin, not long ago finished and now kept in the owner's bedroom.

ENGLAND'S "SPOILS SYSTEM"

Little Difference Between Her Customs and Those of America. While the English newspapers generally are preaching against the "spoils system" in America, contrasting it with English methods, Mr. Henry Labouchere, in truth, is unable to find much difference in the political customs of the two countries.

LATEST SEA SERPENT

Capt. Gould Reports Sighting a Monster in Southern Seas. Capt. Gould, of the American clipper ship Challenger, which has just arrived at New York from San Francisco, says he saw an immense sea serpent when 80 miles from San Francisco.

FOR SYSTEM OF PLAYGROUNDS

New York's Committee Recommends a Plan for Adoption. The report of the committee on small parks which Mayor Strong, of New York, appointed last June was laid before the mayor. Accompanying the report was a map showing the density of population and the death rate in the respective wards.

WATER PIPE TO NEW ZEALAND

Initial Shipment Made from the Port of Philadelphia. One of the most important business transactions in shipping circles that has occurred recently is the chartering of the American bark Mary Hasbrouck, Capt. Ludwig, now at New York, to come to Philadelphia and load a full cargo of water pipe for Auckland, New Zealand.

PAPER UNDERCLOTHING

During the war between Japan and China the Chinese soldiers wore underclothing made of paper. Experiments made with these goods in the Prussian army proved unsatisfactory, as they were found to last only two or three days.

Bulletin Financier.

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